<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u> The following is a listing of all claims in the application
with their status and the text for all active claims.

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously presented): A method for providing downside protection of stock
market investments for managing an investment portfolio by an automated data
processing system having a memory with an input device connected with the
automated data processing system, the method comprising the steps of:

  a. entering a name of a security into the automated data processing system
      through the input device;

  b. storing the name of the security in the memory;

  c. entering a stop loss percentage for the security into the automated data
      processing system through the input device;

  d. storing the stop loss percentage for the security in the memory;

      i.   entering a maximum stop loss currency amount into the automated
           data processing system through the input device, the maximum
           stop loss currency amount representing a maximum currency
           amount for the security to decrease from the high value at which
           point the security should be sold; and

      ii. storing the maximum stop loss currency amount in the memory;

  e. entering a buy price of the security into the automated data processing
      system through the input device;

  f. storing the buy price of the security in the memory as the high value;

g. linking the automated data processing system by a data link to current

   stock information;

h. reading a market price of the security from the current stock information;

i. comparing the market price of the security to the high value, and when the

   market price of the security exceeds the high value, setting the high value

   equal to the market price of the security to generate a new high value;

j. storing the new high value for the security in memory as the high value;

k. multiplying the stop loss percentage by the high value and subtracting the

   resulting product of the stop loss percentage multiplied by the high value

   from the high value to generate a sell threshold price;

   i. comparing the stop loss percentage multiplied by the high value to

      the maximum stop loss currency amount, and if the stop loss

      percentage multiplied by the high value exceeds the maximum stop

      loss currency amount, the maximum stop loss currency amount is

      used to generate the sell threshold price; and

   ii. calculating the sell threshold price using the maximum stop loss

      currency amount by subtracting the maximum stop loss currency

      amount from the high value of the security;

l. comparing the sell threshold price to the market price, and executing a sell

   event when the market price is below the sell threshold price; and

m. repeating the linking step **g** through the comparing the sell threshold price

   step **l** until the sell event occurs.

Claim 3 (previously presented): A method for providing downside protection of stock

market investments as set forth in claim **2** wherein the sell event further includes

printing a summary of the sell information.

Claims 4-7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (previously presented): A system for providing downside protection of stock

market investments comprising:

    a.   an input device for receiving entry of a name of a security, a stop loss

        percentage for the security, a maximum stop loss currency amount, and a buy

        price for the security by a user, and for receiving entry of a market price of the

        security;

    b.   a memory operationally connected to the input device to store the name of the

        security, the stop loss percentage for the security, the maximum stop loss

        currency amount, the buy price for the security, and a high value for the

        security; and

    c.   an automated data processor operationally connected with the input device

        and the memory, the automated data processor for determining if the market

        price is higher than the high value of the security, for determining if the

        market price of the security is less than a sell threshold price where the sell

        threshold price is the product of the stop loss percentage times the high value

        of the security subtracted from the high value of the security and if so then to

        initiate a sell event, and for determining if the stop loss percentage multiplied

        by the high value exceeds the maximum stop loss currency amount, the

maximum stop loss currency amount is used to generate the sell threshold

price by calculating the sell threshold price using the maximum stop loss

currency amount by subtracting the maximum stop loss currency amount from

the high value of the security and if market price of the security is less than

the sell threshold price then to initiate a sell event.

Claim 9 (previously presented): A system for providing downside protection of stock

market investments as set forth in claim **8** wherein the output device further

comprises the means for automatically selling the security when the sell event occurs.

Claim 10 (previously presented): A system for providing downside protection of

stock market investments as set forth in claim **9** wherein the input device is

configured to receive the market price of the security and includes:

    a.   a data link connected to provide current stock information for entering the

        current market price.

Claim 11 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium having imprinted

therein a computer program containing instruction steps such that upon installation of

the computer program in a general-purpose computer provides for downside

protection of stock market investments in an investment portfolio and cause the

general-purpose computer to perform the steps of:

    a.   receiving a name of a security into the automated data processing system

        through the input device;

    b.   storing the name of the security in the memory;

    c.   receiving a stop loss percentage for the security into the automated data

          processing system through the input device;

    d.   storing the stop loss percentage for the security in the memory;

          i.   receiving a maximum stop loss currency amount into the automated

             data processing system through the input device, the maximum stop

             loss currency amount representing a maximum currency amount for

             the security to decrease from the high value at which point the security

             should be sold; and

          ii.   storing the maximum stop loss currency amount in the memory;

    e.   receiving a buy price of the security into the automated data processing

          system through the input device;

    f.   storing the buy price of the security in the memory as the high value;

    g.   linking the automated data processing system by a data link to current stock

          information;

    h.   reading a market price of the security from the current stock information;

    i.   comparing the market price of the security to the high value, and when the

          market price of the security exceeds the high value, setting the high value

          equal to the market price of the security to generate a new high value;

    j.   storing the new high value for the security in memory as the high value;

    k.   multiplying the stop loss percentage by the high value and subtracting the

          resulting product from the high value to generate a sell threshold price;

          i.   comparing the stop loss percentage multiplied by the high value to the

             maximum stop loss currency amount, and if the stop loss percentage

multiplied by the high value exceeds the maximum stop loss currency

amount, the maximum stop loss currency amount is used to generate

the sell threshold price, and

    ii. calculating the sell threshold price using the maximum stop loss

currency amount by subtracting the maximum stop loss currency

amount from the high value of the security;

l. comparing the sell threshold price to the market price, and executing a sell

event when the market price is below the sell threshold price; and

m. repeating the linking step **g** through the comparing the sell threshold price step

l until the sell event occurs.